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GENEVA FOR THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: GERMAN REACTION TO THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL
FOR CREATION OF ENERGY ACTION GROUP

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1. I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH BOTH ACTING FONMIN

FRANK AND STATE SECRETARY SACHS DURING THE PAST
FEW DAYS IN
AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN FURTHER GERMAN REACTION TO THE
SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL IN LONDON THAT AN ENERGY ACTION
GROUP BE CREATED. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE RECENT
IMPASSE IN THE COMMUNITY OVER REGIONAL POLICY HAS
COMPLETELY OVERSHADOWED OTHER DEVELOPMENTS. IF THE
GERMAN POSITION WERE TO BE SUCCINCTLY DESCRIBED,
IT WOULD BE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

A) THE BASIC GERMAN REACTION TO THE SECRETARY'S
PROPOSAL IS POSITIVE AND HIS INITIATIVE HAS BEEN
WELCOMED;
B) THERE IS A STRONG BELIEF IN THE BUREAUCRACY
THAT THE GROUP SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE
OECD, ALTHOUGH THEIR POSITION IS NOT CLOSED ON
THIS POINT;
C) THERE HAS AS YET BEEN NO OFFICIAL GERMAN
GOVERNMENT PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT, AND
D) A FINAL GERMAN POSITION WILL BE DEVELOPED WITHIN
THE FRAMEWORK OF COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS OF THE
ENERGY PROBLEM, BUT DURING THESE DISCUSSIONS GERMAN
REPRESENTATIVES WILL URGE A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO
THE AMERICAN INITIATIVE.

2. COMMENT: DESPITE THE BEST OF GERMAN INTENTIONS,
A REALISTIC APPRAISAL WOULD START FROM THE ASSUMPTION
THAT FRENCH VIEWS WILL STILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE
IN THE FINAL OUTCOME OF EEC DISCUSSIONS.
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